

POLREP # 2 AND FINAL

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I. GENERAL SITE INFORMATION

Site Name: U-Pull-It Oil Spill
Aliases: Perkins Auto Recycle
Street address: 1244 Higgins St.
City, county, state, zip code: Atlanta, GA, 30310
Latitude and longitude: N33° 43' 16", W84° 25' 17"
Site Number: Z4FP
FPN#: E03418

Response Authority: OPA
NPL Status: non-NPL
Incident Category: Emergency
State Notification: Atlanta Fire Department
Start Date: 15AUG03
Completion Date: 17SEP03

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. **Type of facility or site:** Auto Part/Recycling Business
- B. **Site Description:** The Site is a 3 acre site that is leased by three auto recycling businesses. Perkins Recycling is one of the businesses and suspected of causing the spill. Perkins recycling remove engines from junk cars. During the removal process, the engine's oil is collected and transferred into a 55 gallon drum or into a larger 1,000 gallon tank. The engine pulling operation takes place near a stormwater drain. There is visible oil stains on the property and around the drain.

III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. **Actions Taken:**
Background

On August 15, 2003, the Atlanta Fire Department reported to the NRC an oil spill in a creek in Perkerson Park, Atlanta, Georgia. Perkerson Park is a recreational park that contains tennis courts, pavillions and picnic areas, and t is used by the local community for special events. GAEPD and EPA responded to the spill and found a spill of approximately 200 gallons of oil. The oil substance was coming from a stormwater drain pipe that dumped into an unnamed creek that cut through the park. The creek feeds into the South River a couple of miles further. Due to the amount of the spill and the lack of a clear cut potential responsible party at the moment it was discovered, EPA took over the response responsibilities. EPA used Kemron as the ERRS contractor.

Response Actions

15AUG03

The Atlanta Fire Department and the City of Atlanta Water works built underflow dams at two locations in the park. These dams served as collection points.

- Kemron used a vac truck to recover the oil from these two collection points, and then transferred it into a frac tank. Absorbent booms were place at the outfalls in order to absorb any residue that had escaped from the underflow dams.

- Kemron flushed the creek banks using several trash pumps.

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- Kemron disposed of absorbent pads, booms and oil/waste water mix.

17SEP03

- Kemron cleaned out and removed the frac tank from the site. Site activity ended.

Estimated amount of oil recovered at around 300 gallons. Total amount of oil water mix recovered was around 9,000 gallons.

Potential Responsible Party

During the Atlanta Fire Department's (AFD) initial response, they tracked the source to an auto recycling center called Perkins Auto Recycle located at 1244 Higgins St., Atlanta, GA. This business is operated and owned by Mr. Claude Perkins. The AFD noticed a stormwater drain that had a black substance pooled around it. This drain was near where Mr. Perkins conducted his operations. EPA conducted a die test from this location and determined that the drain impacted the creek located in Perkerson Park. On 18AUG03, EPA gave an assumption letter to Claude Perkins.

- B. **Use of Innovative Technologies or Authorities:** None
- C. **Community Involvement:** The OSC spoke with Ms. Edwards of the Perkerson Park Restoration Committee, and explained what was happening. She was very happy that we were there.
- D. **Unusual Circumstances:** None
- E. **Future Considerations:** None
- F. **Post Removal Site Control:**None

IV. CONTRACTOR INFORMATION AND ESTIMATED COSTS

A. Contractor Information

CONTRACTOR	DO NUMBER	POP START	POP END	DO AMOUNT
Kemron	0021	15AUG03		\$45,000
TOTAL: \$45,000				

B. Estimated Costs

Extramural:

ERCS/ERRS: \$35,000

Total Estimated Extramural Costs: \$35,000

Intramural:

EPA Direct Costs: \$5,000
EPA Indirect Costs

TOTAL SITE COSTS: \$40,000

These figures should not be used to support or dispute any legal action regarding this removal.

V. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Waste Stream Number	Waste Code	Description	Approximate Volume/Quantity	Wastestream Handling Method	Disposal Location
1		Petroleum Contact Water	9000 gallons	Separation of oil from water.	Environmental Remedies 460 Sawtell Ave., Atlanta, GA
2		Oil Contaminated Debris	(16) 55-gallons drums	Landfill	Environmental Remedies 460 Sawtell Ave., Atlanta, GA

VI. ROSTER OF AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTING IN REMOVAL

Org./Agency, Address	Primary Contact	Phone Number	Role/Activity
USEPA R4	Jose Negrón	404-562-8754	R2
GAEPD	Scott Coburn	404-382-1813	Responder
City of Atlanta Sewer Operations	Tony Coleman	404-624-0753	Area Supervisor

VII. LESSONS LEARNED: None